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What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 LAAF
10:30 Staff Mtg.
3:00 Coffee with the Pastor
4:00 Mid-Week Manna
6:00 Choir practice
Thursday, Feb. 22
Friday, December Feb. 23

Office closed
Saturday, Feb. 24
Sunday, Feb. 25

8:30 Chapel Worship

8:45 Handbells

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

Monday, Feb. 26

6:00 What We Believe Class- library

6:00 What We Believe Class - zoom

Tuesday, Feb. 27

5:30 Leadership Board- library

Wednesday, Feb. 28

9:30 LAAF

3:00 Coffee with the Pastor

4:00 Mid-Week Manna

6:00 Choir Practice

Thursday, Feb. 29

Friday, March 1

Office closed

Saturday, Mar. 2

Sunday, Mar. 3

8:30 Chapel Worship

8:45 Handbells- not meeting

9:15 Sunday School

10:30 Sanctuary Worship

4:00 Trinity Village Vespers

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“Ohana means family and family means no one gets left behind or forgotten.” *Lilo and Stitch*

“Without Valentine’s Day, February would be...well, January.” — Jim Gaffigan

Whether you had special plans for Valentines, don’t acknowledge it because it’s a marketing scheme, or sulked while watching rom-coms and eating chocolate from the clearance shelf (not speaking from personal experience.) February 14th has come and gone. Even so, this month is known for its theme of Love. I don’t believe love is a one size fits all, it presents itself differently in each one of us and its meaning varies. The most popular is romantic love when it comes to Valentine’s Day, but there is also familial, platonic, self, the love we have for our pets or interests, and of course Agape!

When asked if they were doing anything special for the occasion one of the boys from Midweek Manna replied “I’m going home to eat with my mom and spend time with her because she’s my Valentine.” It placed a soft smile on my face and reminded me about how Mi Casa started. **Love**. To be more precise, a mother’s love. It took a frightened mother worried about her preschool-aged daughter’s mental health for the immense need of the Hispanic Community to be reached.

The work that is done by the Mi Casa office isn’t always exciting or always done behind a desk with a few clicks on a keyboard. Sometimes there are ugly parts. There are situations that have made my stomach churn, heart drop, made me angry, or feel so... devastated. It’s so easy to be pessimistic, but it’s up to me to not allow it to define my work or rest of the week. I have to find something no matter how small that can be seen as positive, which most recently has been love. I’ve watched parents sacrifice jobs, money, time together in order to be with their 11 year old who is battling Leukemia. I’ve watched her siblings pick up jobs, sacrifice hanging out with friends, and any wants they have in order to help out at home so their parents don’t burn out during their hardship. Even knowing that, this past Christmas, their parents wouldn’t be able to give them gifts, they weren’t upset, they were relieved that their sister would be there the next day. Can you imagine how much their faces lit up when they saw the presents that were made possible by the love Lakeside has for God and his children?

No matter how much each one has to sacrifice, they are willing to do so because of their love. As I stated before, I don’t believe love comes as one size fits all, there are different ways to express love. Just this year, Lakeside has shown love via Midweek Manna, Food Distributions, as well as welcoming those in during their hardships and losses. At first glance it may just seem like tutoring, meals, smiles, and time, but it is so much more than that to those impacted. For some it means a shot at a brighter future, for others the only nutritious meal they get, perhaps the sign they have been waiting for, the smile they so desperately yearned for or the first time someone has given them the time of day. We never know how much we’ve really impacted someone, but believe me when I say that those acts of love and kindness haven’t gone unseen.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Vanessa Hernandez - Director of Mi Casa Hispanic Ministries

Lakesiders, having promised to be loyal to Jesus Christ through The United Methodist Church and to do all in our power to strengthen its ministries, live out our promise by God's grace together— participating faithfully in the ministries of Lakeside United Methodist Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Black History Month Music and Composers

This week, Donald Warren will highlight the piece, I've Been in De Storm So Long by Harry T. Burleigh. You will find more information about this song and composer in this Sunday's bulletin.

Zoom with the Bishop

Bishop Merrill will be hosting a zoom meeting on February 29, 2024 at 6:00pm which is open to all United Methodist laity to cast a vision for the UMC in Arkansas in 2024. Here is the link for join in on the conversation on Zoom
Click on the link below
<http://tinyurl.com/BishopsLaityZoom>

Methodist Family Health Foundation



Spring Get Up and Give Campaign
This Spring, we are asking for new items and contributions to stock our Donation Closet. You may order goods directly from Amazon or Walmart; the wish list links can be found on our website:
methodistfamily.org/get-up-and-give.
Copies of the list are also available in the church office.

The Methodist Foundation for Arkansas

The Foundation is excited to offer the opportunity for laity members in your congregation to attend the annual Perkins Summit for Faith and Learning at Southern Methodist University, Perkins School of Theology.

The Summit for Faith and Learning offers a wide range of theological mini-courses for laypersons. Somewhere between seminary and Sunday School, the Summit leverages the rich learning community of Perkins School of Theology to provide a unique, self-paced experience in theological education-for the church and world.

The Foundation will cover all registration costs, a group dinner while in Dallas, and hotel expenses for laity both Thursday, March 21 and Friday, March 22, 2024.

Email Cathy Hall, the Foundation's Office & Hospitality Manager, at chall@methodistfoundationar.org or call 501-8632.



Lakeside's Food Pantry is low

Please consider picking up non-perishable food items the next time that you are at the store. Baskets are placed by the elevator and in the office.

Don't forget your tuna for Neighbor to Neighbor.



We pray for the sick:

Caroline Coles, Colby Lee, Kashimi Elkins, Bill Jones, Scott Mouser, and Bob Castleberry.

We pray for the grieving:

The Bob Blackford Family

Sheridan Healthcare Rehab: Don Massey; **Woodland Heights Senior Living:** Billie Doster; **Woodland Heights Memory Care:** Wannie Pope.
Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry, Young People around the world, Families in trouble, City Council members & Mayor, Students of all ages, Teachers, First Responders.

Gifts given to Lakeside

In memory of Joy Cross by Robert Willson, Larry and Hilga Malpica, George and Carol Burekhalter, Channon Loden.
In honor of Ann Tibbs, Jennifer Fox and Donald Warren for their contributions to Lakeside's Music Ministry by Clyde and Claire Campbell.

The 2024 Souper Bowl Champion is.....

Etoyle Mouser with her Vegetable Beef Soup.
Thank you to everyone that participated. The canned soup has been delivered and your votes raised over \$700.00 for our feeding ministries.

In a large soup pot, brown 1-2 pounds of stew meat or a small chuck roast.
In a separate pot, cook the following with a little oil or butter until softened and then add to meat and other ingredients.
4-5 medium potatoes
4-5 carrots
2-3 onions ---all diced small
5-6 ribs of celery

1 large can of whole tomatoes, torn or cut apart
(2 cans if you want to stretch or really like tomatoes)
1 large can of tomato juice
1 small can of chicken broth
1 can of Ro Tel (diced tomatoes with green chilies)

1 small package of frozen baby lima beans
1 small package of corn -----can cook separate and then add when heated thru
1 small package of cut okra

Salt and pepper to taste
1 tablespoon sugar
1 Tbls. garlic salt
1 Tbls. season mix like Cavenders
1 teaspoon of thyme (optional)
1 Tbls. oregano optional
1 Tbls. Better Than Bouillon – chicken

Etoyle's Hints:
Choose meat with fat, cook to tender with garlic and mix later.
Cook the 4 fresh vegetables separately.
Same with the frozen veggies.
Heat a large pot with a little oil and add all of your ingredients.



Sunday, February 18, 2024

8:30 Chapel Worship - 14
9:15 Sunday school - 26
10:30 Worship - 71
Online Worship - 24

Our Weekly Service at Church Sunday, February 25, 2024

Senior Pastor: Rev. Judy Rudd; **Pastoral Intern:** Sara Andrews;
Liturgist: Tommy Brown; **Director of Music:** Ann Tibbs;
Children's Moments: Jennifer Fox
Scripture: Mark 7:24-29, Luke 13:10-17
Sermon Title: Foolish Love... Breaks the Rules
Sermon Series: Foolish Love

Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

Feb. 26 Brass Polishers: De Gasnier and Donna Kriner
Feb. 26 Counters: George Mitchell and Deborah Whitaker

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live and now You tube. Join us online for worship at:
www.facebook.com/lakesidepb
www.youtube.com/@lumc_pinebluff
Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website

A Call to Prayer for General Conference

Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth. (Psalm 46:10)

The Conference Board of Discipleship is providing a series of prayers specifically for the people of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church as we approach the upcoming General Conference.
We will be using these as our Call to Worship through the Lenten season.

Latest Sunday School News February 25, 2024 9:15am.

Discovery Class: Our class will be participating in What We Believe with Pastor Judy (9:30-10:00 am.)

Wesley Class: This week's discussion- Prayer in Troubled Times. All are welcome to join.